

example an EEPROM or flash memory, a relatively small RAM 14, a ROM 22, and a larger RAM 16. The I/O device 18 communicates with external apparatus by means of communications channel 19 which may be a serial asynchronous data line. External power 21 and ground 20 are also defined. The larger RAM 16, and most other active components receive external power. The smaller RAM 14 is additionally able to receive power from a backup battery 15, preferably a lithium cell with a very long (e.g. ten year) life. A tamper switch 17 is provided which, when triggered, can cut power to both the small RAM 14 and the large RAM 16.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ ✓

Please cancel Claims 1 and 3 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claim as rewritten below:

2. (Amended) A method for use with a postal security device comprising a secure housing, and within the secure housing a body of data having a size, said postal security device also having within the secure housing means for generating print data for printing of postage indicia, said generating of said print data relying in part on the body of data, said postal security device also having within the secure housing a first memory sized to accommodate the body of data, said first memory of a type not requiring electrical power to maintain the contents thereof, the postal security device also having within the secure housing a second memory not large enough to accommodate the body of data, said second memory of a type that requires electric power to maintain its contents, said postal security device also comprising a battery powering the second memory and a tamper switch mechanically coupled with the secure housing so